

Complete the one-page application and return it to your science teacher or county science fair coordinator ASAP. See the fair web page at www.epsef.org/em.html if you need an application form or more information about the fair.

Local press will be on site to report on the 2020 EPSEF. Category winners will have their pictures taken as a group.

In addition to judges, teacher chaperones, and fair workers, the public is invited to attend the fair during the time designated for public viewing. *Your parents are invited to attend as well.*

Make sure you take all of your belongings when you leave. Anything left behind after the fair will be “recycled.”

More things to keep in mind:

- Practice your presentation and be prepared to answer questions. Judges can read your display board; they don't need you to read it to them. They would like you to tell them about your project in your own words. They will probably ask some follow-up questions as well.
- Get a good night's sleep before the fair. It will be a long day and you will need the energy to make a great impression.
- Charge your cell phone or personal electronic entertainment device. You probably won't have access to electrical outlets for charging. WiFi will NOT be available.
- Don't forget to pack your lunch and drink.
- Dress to impress! You are representing yourself, your school, and your county.
- It is your responsibility to promptly report to your project when your number is called.
- Middle Schoolers: If you win 1st place in your category at the regional science fair, you will be invited to participate in the [Broadcom MASTERS](#) (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars), the premier science and engineering competition for middle school students.
- NEW for 2020: First place winners from 18 categories of each division (elementary and middle) will be invited to compete in the WVSEF, the West Virginia Science and Engineering Fair, to be held Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Fairmont State University.



2020 EPSEF (Elementary and Middle School Divisions) Quick Facts:

Fair Date: Friday, March 6, 2019

Time: Doors open for project setup at 9:30 AM
Project takedown and removal by 4:00 PM

Location: Ranson Civic Center, 432 West 2nd Avenue, Ranson, West Virginia

Eligibility: Students in grades 3-8 who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in county science fairs from Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton counties, including the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Registration: Students and parents complete the 1-page application form and return it to the student's science teacher or county science fair coordinator.

Project Qualification/Disqualification:

Projects submitted to the regional fair are assumed to qualify for display and judging generally as described in the [Intel ISEF International Rules and Guidelines](#), especially in regards to ethics, display and safety requirements, and treatment of animals and/or human subjects.

Banned materials (biological materials, chemicals, food, hazardous or dangerous objects, etc.) will be removed from project displays prior to judging.

Blatantly plagiarized projects will be disqualified.

Project Category Placement Subject to Change:

Please note that project categories may be modified to aid in the organization and judging of projects. Projects may be placed in a category other than that requested for any of several reasons. Final placement of projects into categories is at the discretion of the Fair Director.

More Info: See the EPSEF website at: <http://www.epsef.org>.

Need Help? Ask Your Science Teacher **first**, then ask your County's Science Fair Coordinator.

Teachers and County Coordinators please contact:

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